

OPPOSES ANY INCREASE IN REAL ESTATE RATE

Rents Already Too High in Richmond, Says One Member of Council.

WANTS HIGHER RATE FOR GAS
Says Price Should Be Raised So That Gas Works Will Bear Increased Expenses—Would Employ Fewer Teachers.

Citizens will be given the opportunity of presenting argument against the proposed increase in taxes by the Council Committee on Finance at a public meeting Friday night. It is expected that several meetings will be necessary before the hearing is completed. All sessions, which will be open to the public, will be held in the Council chamber, and no one will be prevented from expressing his views on the suggested higher taxes by the Council.

Several Councilmen said yesterday that they believed an increase in the tax rate of the city was necessary, but declared that the necessity for the advanced rate must be clearly shown before favorable action would be taken by the Council. Many business men are inclined to believe that the city must have additional revenue, since they are unable to see where any general reduction in its expenditures can be made. There is, however, considerable objection in certain quarters over the flat 10 per cent increase on all subjects of taxation.

This objection is based on the fact that many individuals and commercial establishments will be forced to pay increased taxes on so many subjects. On the other hand, the statement is made that the general increase is the fairest plan that could be worked out by the Finance Committee.

PROVIDES A GENERAL 10 PER CENT INCREASE
The ordinance recommended by the Finance Committee, and which has been recommended to that body along with the budget for a public hearing, provides for a general increase of 10 per cent on real estate and tangible personal property, increasing the rate on those items from \$1.25 to \$1.37. A flat 10 per cent increase is levied on all sewer, areas and vaults, market rentals, capitation tax, telegraph and telephone pole tax, merchants and general licenses, automobile license and dog licenses, permit fees and water rents, while the price of gas is fixed at 50 cents per 1,000 feet instead of 40 cents.

One Councilman declared yesterday that he believed the proposed increases were too drastic, and as an illustration, pointed out that a small merchant must make all the payments of an individual on his holdings, must pay additional taxes on his merchant's license, automobile, water and gas bills, making the 10 per cent increase apply to six or eight subjects. "Conditions are unprecedented, and the city should economize," he said. "It seems to me that some better solution of the problem could be worked out. The price of gas has been increased from 40 cents to 50, while the cost of gas this year will be 45 cents, according to members of the Finance Committee, who have stated that even at that rate the gas plant will run behind about \$100,000, and this must be made up from other sources."

WOULD MAKE GAS WORKS BEAR ITS OWN BURDEN
"Many cities have a higher rate than 50 cents, and I believe that the Gas Works should be made to pay all operating costs. If the price of gas was increased temporarily to such a figure as to make it a paying proposition, a part of the increased tax rate would be returned to the city. The loss works is about \$200,000 more this year than in 1917 because of the high prices prevailing for oil and coal. The budget is about \$500,000 greater this year than last, and, excluding the \$200,000 for the Gas Works, there would remain only \$300,000 to be found to complete the budget. There is no reason why gas should be sold at less than cost. Let consumers pay a fair price for the commodity they are buying."

"Increased salaries to school-teachers is meritorious, and without a doubt it was necessary to keep the instructors. However, is it not possible for the duration of the war to eliminate some of the so-called 'frills' in the schools, reduce the number of teachers to a minimum and distribute the saving among the other teachers? If this were possible and the \$100,000 additional allotted them saved, there would remain only \$200,000."

"It may not be possible, but if it is, the number of employees in the city government should be reduced. The 10 per cent increase in wages was given last September, of course, and was needed, but it might be possible to slightly reduce the city's force. Increased salaries will cost about \$100,000 this year, and the bulk goes to the Fire, Police and Street-Cleaning Departments, but economies might be effected in other departments."

"The tax rate on real estate should not be increased under any circumstances. Rents in Richmond are unusually high, so high, in fact, that Richmond is suffering from it. Hundreds of people decline to make this city their home for this reason. We should fight to retain our present rate on real estate."

SPRING-RICHMOND.
LYNCHBURG, Va., February 9.—Frank Spruce and Miss Mary Richardson, both of Lynchburg, were married Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist parsonage, Dr. W. W. Hamilton officiating.

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Important News Quickly Told

Events From Various Sources
Reduced to Minimum Space.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—American eagles need no more pay for flying than do soldiers in the trenches. General Pershing has told the War Department. At the request of Secretary Baker a bill has been prepared cutting off the 50 per cent increase in base pay the flying men have been receiving.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., February 9.—A terrific gale which swept the city today caused thousands of dollars' worth of property damage and practically demoralized all transportation facilities. The electric light and power plant is out of commission tonight, while ice-coated rails have checked all traffic on the steam roads.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—The Navy Department will investigate street car conditions in Pittsburgh. Secretary Daniels announced this afternoon. Workers there have protested to him against poor service to and from the Carnegie Steel Works, which is engaged on war work.

NEW YORK, February 9.—Miss Florence W. Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Lincoln, was married here this afternoon at the University Place Presbyterian Church to William A. Rockefeller, grand-nephew of John D. Rockefeller.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—Incensed over the poor trolley service furnished their suburb, a crowd of Brookland, D. C., women, led by a Catholic priest, held up a car, took possession and made the motorman drive it to the city.

NEW YORK, February 9.—A report of a big bear rambling about the outskirts of Yankers scared hundreds of mothers to-day and many children were kept indoors.

BOSTON, February 9.—New England colleges will not close immediately in order to save fuel. It may be that no action will be taken toward closing the institutions until the customary March vacations.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels sat beside "Ma" Sunday to-night and watched more than 200 bluejackets and marines "hit the trail."

WASHINGTON, February 9.—Victor Murdock, of the Federal Trade Commission, this afternoon recommended to Food Administrator Hoover that the license of the H. D. Otter Co., of Louisville, Ky., be revoked.

BOSTON, MASS., February 9.—The Boston Opera House will be taken over immediately by the Shuberts as the results of negotiations concluded to-day. They had been pending for three months.

SCHMIDT IS FINED \$500 FOR VIOLATING FOOD LAW

Richmond Grocer Pleads Guilty to Charge of Selling Too Much Flour.

MONEY IS GIVEN TO RED CROSS
Food Administrator White States That Rules Will Be Strictly Enforced—Fruit Classified and Can Be Sold as Food—Laws Rigid.

For violating the Federal food administration rules, a fine of \$500 was yesterday imposed on Hermann Schmidt, one of the largest grocers of Richmond. The specific charge against Schmidt was that he sold wheat flour in barrel lots. In the hearing, however, it developed that he was also guilty of violating rules prohibiting delivery of more than a thirty-day supply of flour and advertising to induce the buying of more than current needs.

The hearing was conducted before Colonel E. B. White, State food administrator. Schmidt pleaded guilty. A certified check for the amount of the fine was tendered Colonel White. The check was turned over to the Red Cross.

At the close of the hearing, Colonel White announced that the rules of the administration would be strictly enforced in every instance. The rules, he said, are the outgrowth of the urgent need of the nation for drastic measures to keep it fit for the struggle into which it has been drawn. Any violation of them is an injury to the cause for which the nation fights. The grocer merchants and others affected by the food laws realize this, he said, the better it will be for all concerned. Colonel White also announced that fruits are classed as foods and can be sold as such on heatless Mondays. He stated, too, that the noon closing of food stores on Mondays must be in earnest. No goods are to be sold nor any orders filled, even for suburban delivery, after 12 o'clock.

WILL TRAIN COLORED MEN AS WIRELESS OPERATORS

War Department Announces Plan to Be Conducted at Armstrong Colored High School.

Plans are under way for the forming of colored classes in wireless telegraphy to meet the demand being made on wireless operators by the War Department. To be eligible for admission the applicant must be registered under the draft act, but he cannot be enrolled if he has been called by his local board.

Through the activity of Emmett J. Scott, special assistant to Secretary Baker, the War Department realized the expediency of the plan has authorized Adjutant-General H. P. McCain to issue orders for the organization of wireless telegraphy classes of colored registrants in Richmond. The orders issued by the Adjutant-General reads as follows: "The Federal Board for Vocational Education, which is handling the training of draft registrants as operators Vocational Education at Armstrong for the signal corps, has been notified."

Christian Endeavor Officers.
LYNCHBURG, Va., February 9.—Officers elected to-night for the Lynchburg district of Virginia Christian Endeavor Union are: President, J. E. Franklin, Roanoke; vice-president, J. W. Holloran, Lynchburg; secretary, Miss Ruth Neal, Roanoke; treasurer, H. Gordon Lewis, Lynchburg; intermediate superintendent, Rev. Francis Scott, Roanoke; missionary superintendent, Miss Carrie Campbell, Lynchburg.

Rule Out German Study.
CINCINNATI, February 9.—The board of education to-day adopted a resolution excluding German from being taught in the schools after June 1 next.

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The War Savings Stamp Committee desire a simple, unique design for hanging in the windows of homes of purchasers of War Savings and Thrift Stamps.

Four prizes have been donated, as follows, for the four best designs submitted:

- 1st Prize, \$25.00—By Mrs. M. E. Crutchfield.
- 2nd Prize, \$15.00—By Mr. Oliver J. Sands.
- 3rd Prize, \$10.00—By T. Garnett Tabb.
- 4th Prize, \$5.00—By Mr. L. H. Jenkins.

The amount of the prizes will be awarded in War Savings Stamps.

The rules governing the contest are:

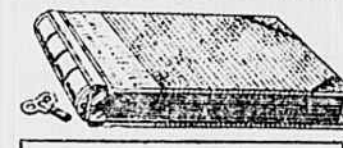
1. Any person in Richmond may compete.
2. Size of design, 8 1/2 x 5 1/2, to be submitted on paper or card.
3. Not more than two colors should be used.
4. Simplicity and uniqueness will be given preference.
5. Designs to be considered must be in by Friday, February 15th, addressed to Mr. H. E. Litchford, W. S. S. Campaign Director, 923 East Main Street.
6. All designs must be signed, plainly, on back, giving address and phone number.
7. A committee of prominent business men will make the award.
8. Members of the W. S. S. Publicity Committee will not be allowed to compete.

War Savings Stamp Committee RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

that it is the desire of the chief signal officer to have a class started under the supervision of the Federal Board for High School, Richmond, with the view of furnishing operators for the Three Hundred and Twenty-fifth Field Signal Battalion (colored).

Danville Engagement.
DANVILLE, Va., February 9.—An announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Emma Riley Leigh, daughter of Judge and Mrs. William Z. Leigh, to Albert Haskell Rhett, of New York, the wedding to take place in April.

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FEBRUARY Fashion Displays, while not yet complete as they will be a few weeks hence, are authentic, and they strike the keynote of Spring modes in a way that is delightful to those observing them.

And these new fashions, with their charm and grace and promise of colorful days, are making these Apparel Sections of ours—even now—places of sunshine and light.

Why not see them now—when they are at their freshest and best. Just a viewing will mean bright, happy hours. Those who wish to choose need have no hesitation.

The silhouette is established—the fabrics designed, and the modes which compose these groups so expertly selected—that only those garments that give promise of greatest favor are included.

As ever, these Fashions, though they reflect the very newest style themes for Spring, are distinguished by some details that are unusual.

To introduce first, the **Frock Suit**—Suits designed on lines that simulate the one-piece frock, developed in serge, and other popular materials.

The **Vogue in Suits** is expressed in every phase—from the simple Tailored Suit with narrow English shoulders and gorgeously tinted silk waist-

coat, to the Sport Suits that look jaunty this season than ever. Priced \$29.50 and upwards to \$79.00.

Frocks of Gingham Silks—a boufancy just faintly reminiscent of the bustle mode is in these Frocks of plaid silks in gingham colorings.

Other Frocks are shown in Foulard, Taffeta and various weights in crepes—\$25.00 to \$50.00.

Second Floor—West.

A Section Devoted to Mourning Apparel

A quiet and private little room well away from the crowd is an especially grateful place to make one's selection. Here complete mourning outfits for women and young women can be chosen quickly and with the least possible inconvenience.

The decrees of fashion and convention are perfectly harmonized in Miller & Rhoads mourning apparel—so that one has at once the surety of conforming to the dictates of good taste without sacrifice of fashion or becomingness.

Just now, the collections present the new Spring Mourning Millinery, Frocks, Blouses and Separate Skirts, as well as all the accessories of a well-appointed wardrobe.

Second Floor—West.

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Scientific fitting of the proper corset means that you will have comfort as well as correct style lines.

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Second Floor—East.

